

### *King's H.R. 140 closes birthright citizenship loophole*

Washington, DC - Congressman Steve King (R-IA) released the following statement today after reviewing the results of a newly released public opinion poll which concludes that 61% of Americans oppose the granting of U.S. citizenship to the American-born children of illegal aliens. King has introduced legislation that is designed to end the current practice of granting automatic U.S. citizenship to the children of illegal aliens upon their birth in the country. King's legislation, the "Birthright Citizenship Act of 2011" currently has 73 cosponsors.

"Americans want their borders secured, and they understand that the practice of granting birthright citizenship to the children of illegal aliens undermines border security by encouraging illegal aliens to sneak into the country," said King. "The current practice of granting birthright citizenship to the children of illegal aliens is not mandated by the U.S. Constitution. It is based on a misapplication of the 14th Amendment that needs to be addressed by Congress. We now know that 61% of Americans oppose the practice of granting birthright citizenship to the children of illegal aliens, and my legislation, H.R. 140, gives Congress the means to address this issue. It is important that Congress close the birthright citizenship loophole, and this high level of support makes it much more likely that Congress will."

The poll, which was conducted by Rasmussen Reports, may be viewed online at this [link](#). The 61% of Americans opposed to granting birthright citizenship to the children of illegal aliens is the highest figure recorded in the last five years. Only 28% of Americans believe that the current practice of granting birthright citizenship to the children of illegal aliens should continue.

The text of King's legislation and the current list of cosponsors may be found at the following [link](#).

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